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AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Agricultural Families
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of agricultural families has decreased in the country despite increase in population in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of the average monthly income of agricultural families in the country along with the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the action plan of the Government for the next five years to improve the economic condition/standard of living of the said families?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): As per Census 2011, conducted by the Registrar General of India, the total number of agricultural workers in the country has increased from 234.1 million (127.3 million cultivators and 106.8 million agricultural labourers) in 2001 to 263.1 million (118.8 million cultivators and 144.3 million agricultural labourers) in 2011.

(c): The average monthly income of agricultural households in the country is estimated by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) through the "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households" conducted from time to time. As per the results of the latest Survey conducted in 2013 (January-December), the average monthly income per agricultural household from various sources is estimated to be Rs.6426. State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(d): Agriculture is a state subject and primary responsibility of the State Governments. Union Government supplements their efforts through implementation of various schemes and programmes. In order to improve the economic condition of farmers, Government has taken several measures for increasing farm production and productivity; and doubling farmer's income. These include, inter-alia, implementation of schemes like, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Soil Health Card, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Neem Coated Urea, creation of a unified national agriculture market (e-NAM), etc. Furthermore, the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of major agricultural commodities have been progressively increased to ensure remunerative price to the farmers.